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August 16, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

28 August 16, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF TWO COMPRESSED NATURAL
GAS-POWERED, HEAVY-DUTY, LOW-FLOOR SHUTTLE BUSES FOR
AVOCADO HEIGHTS/BASSETT/WEST VALINDA AND EAST VALINDA
SHUTTLE SERVICES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approve the acquisition of two compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty, low-floor shuttle buses for Avocado Heights/Bassett/West Valinda and East Valinda Shuttle Services allocated at \$500,000 each (\$1,000,000 total).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that this activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the purchase of two compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty, low-floor shuttle buses as replacement vehicles for Avocado Heights/Bassett/West Valinda and East Valinda Shuttle Services.
3. Authorize the County's purchasing agent to proceed with the acquisition of two compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty, low-floor shuttle buses.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This request complies with County Equipment Policy P-2710 requiring the Board's approval prior to the purchasing and/or financing of equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or more. Public Works is requesting approval to purchase two compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty, low-floor shuttle buses for the Avocado Heights/Bassett/West Valinda and East Valinda Shuttle Services. These acquisitions will replace one existing bus that is nearing the end of its useful life for the Avocado Heights/Bassett/West Valinda Shuttle Service and replace one contractor-provided bus for the East Valinda Shuttle Service. The new shuttle buses are 30 feet long and have a seated passenger capacity of 31 or 25 when 2 wheelchairs are being transported. The replacement bus for the East Valinda Shuttle Service will increase passenger capacity from the existing contractor-provided 25-foot gasoline-powered cutaway.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). This action enables the County to improve transit services for the public in a cost-effective manner by improving the reliability of the vehicles, improving air quality by replacing a gasoline-powered vehicle with an alternative fueled vehicle, and increasing passenger capacity.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost to purchase the two compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty, low-floor shuttle buses is approximately \$1,000,000 of which \$600,711 will be offset by grant funds from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2011 Call for Projects. Funds to cover the remaining \$399,289 are included in the Supervisorial District 1's Proposition A Local Return Transit Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, the Board adopted a policy requiring departments to obtain Board approval prior to purchasing and/or financing equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or more. This action conforms with and fulfills the Board's policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This service is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080 (b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the institution or increase of passenger or commuter transit services.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of this request will enable Public Works to provide improved transit services for residents in the unincorporated County areas of Avocado Heights/Bassett/West Valinda and East Valinda.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

8/16/2016

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel (Julia Weissman)
Executive Office